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BY JOHN H. RAFTERY.

Everybody round Pimly set up hugh when PeterJethson and his wift moved over on old man Grant's wes eighty and set up for farming Peter was always regarded as something of a joke in Hoke County, and the fact that he had married Sophie Grant, the prettiest girl for miles around didn t save him. He was a sort of second cousin to the old man's first vafe, and, of course,, when he came to Kansas his kinsman took him in.

The objections to him were good-natured but numerous. He was always dressed up. He had no more knowledge of horses, cattle and pigs than a Kansas City dude, and for the first year of his life in Hoke County he didn't de anything but court Sophie. Old Grant never would have agreed to it if he didn't know that his son-in-naw-elect "had money," for the youth was quite worthless from a bucolic point of view. and after six months' trying to interest him in farming the old man gave it

"Well, ye kin have her, Pete, but goll darn ye, how you all goin' to make

Peter grinned quietly, saying, "Guest we won't starve," and went away to tell Sophie. They were married at Christmas, spent a week in Kansa, City and then came home to settle down. Everybody thought they'd open a store in Pimly, but they didn't. Pete leased the west eighty from his father in-law and built a cottage, declaring that he meant to make his fortune right there. He started by bringing from his old home in the East all his books, fishing tackle, guns and other impractical effects. When the Kansai winter vanished before a matchlest spring he began to roam over "out

"What you going to do first, Pete?" Sophie would ask.

"Just look around for a while Sophie," he would say, and march of whistling toward the creek or down in to the timber, where he counted the walnut trees and shot an occasional squirrel. Then he rigged up a shop near the barn and bought a lot of second-hand gas pipe, iron reds and queer implements that had nothing to do with farming.

"What ye goin' to do naow. Pete?" he old man asked, eying him with expressed wonder.

"I'm going to make a weil," said Pete, smiling like a wilful child. "Well? You don't need no well; you

got one an' a cistern. There's the pont and the creek, an' it's good and rainy in Hoke. Well, fiddle! Ain't you goin' to put in no crop?"

"Later, maybe. I'll get around tu that later." And Pete would saunter away whistling, while Sophie in the kitchen smiled confidently and her father grumbled in his whiskers.

It was like that ail summer and fall Pete didn't do anything in the way or work except what ne did secretly it his shop or on his well. The neighbors would stop at his roadgate sometimes and shout at him: "Hey, Mister Jethson, struck watt vit?" Whereat he would smile gently, shake his head and answer, "Not yet." Sometimes, if they happened to ask him, "How ye gettin along?" he'd crack his little joke by answering, "Getting a long well, than! you," and then he'd laugh like a pleased boy. And so it came about that the folks at Pimly and roundabout in Hoke County came to talk about Peter Jethson as "Poor Pete," the women pitying Sophie and the men pitying old mat Grant, who had given his pretty daughte to a "half-wit.

It was along in the spring wher everybody found out that Peter had taken a ten-year lease on the Brownson place adjoining his own untilled acres. Mayor Jenkins of Pimly voiced the public sentiment about this transaction when he said:

"Brownson has just took advantage o' pore Pete. Them hundred an' sixty acres o' his'n tin't wurth two deliars a year. Won't raise nuthin', an' vit come t' think, they can't raise no less's Pete's eighty."

Whereupon everybody laugh d and repeated Mayor Jenkin's joke. Ther the wags out Grant's way began to SCHULTE BROS., Oregon, Mo "put up jobs" on Jethson. They would stop by and ask casually if he wanted to lease any more land, and when they realized that he was dead in carnes. about geating more acres, that he wasn't particular about the quality of the land, so long as it was near Punly, and could be leased for ten years or longer they began to get a vague ithat that "mebbe Pete was up to suthin". Ther for a while old man Grant was waylaic on the corners in Pimly and at inter vais along the road by farmer, whe wanted to know what Pete was to de with his leased lands. When Gran id he didn't know, they either disbeaved him or pitied the necessity o ting his son-in-law's mental trailt went their ways. But the ald fel ow was now bent on knowing. He re



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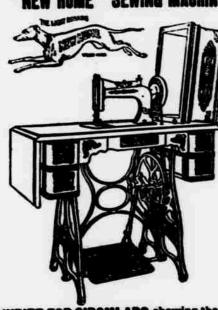
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eccentricities as "pure, ornery laziness." At last he got the young man into a corner of the sitting-room, when Sophie was away, and gizzed him re-

"Now, I kin keep a secret, 1:te," he yore daffy, and it's goin' to hurt Sofe an' the baby when that comes. Jest truck?

"Gas, dad," said Peter, qu'euy. "Just keep it as secret as you can, but there's gas under every foot of this greend."

It was not a very satisfactory explanparticular good gas might do, and the he let slip the secret about Per-r's idea. From the doctor's office the story spread, reaching ears that were not inwho had snickered at Jethson L. Lan to cross-qestion him, but he put them aside with a childish smile and a harmless joke. "How you goin' to git the gas?" they asked him.

"Dig for it," he would say, in ghing. "An' if you git it, what ther."

"Then it's up to you," grinning as he

walked away.

Some of them did dig, or rather bore into their farms. Ashamed of their enterprises, they kept them searct from The malcontents who had spent work stone. and money sinking for gas wanted revenge, but they were afraid to give the victim "long terms," for fear when his

"What air ye goin' t' do naow?" groaned Papa Grant when Pete admitted that he'd like to borrow a hundred

mental condition was discovered his

engagements would become valueless,

so they did business with him on a

cash basis until his money was gone

and he had "the gas privilege" on

naively "I going to town now to put a card in the Banner announcing a show over at my

And he did. The erratic announce ment drew every man, woman and child for miles around. The "fire works" was all gas, it is true, bu from a hundred jets along the drive around the lawn, in the house and out side, it flared in clear white glory Peter showed them his lathe and hi pumps all run by burning gas. The men who had ridiculed him, fawned now, and some of them, taking hin aside, admitted that they had dug for gas, too, "just on his say so," but that "they want no gas within five hundre: feet, an'. Pete, ef ye want to stand from under that lease, why all right."

But Peter didn't want to stand from

under." "Digging for gas, boys," said Peter radiantly, "is like sizing up your fellow men. It's no use unless you go deep say a thousand feet or so."

And they smiled with him, but thes didn't mean it.

Object . to W. r Tax.

Papers were served in New York to cently on H. C. H. Herrold, United States revenue collector at Newark, N J. in a suit brought against him by the American Sugar Refining Company to recover \$589,671.76, the amount o taxes paid prior to December 28, 1904 b! the Newark office, under the war to venue act of June 13, 1898.

The declaration in the proceedings attacks the entire constitutionality & the war revenue act. The action 1. really directed against the federal gov ernment.

The stockholders of the America: Tobacco Company held their annua meeting in Jersey City. The old boar: of directors was re-elected for a terr of three years, with the exception o H. D. Lee, who was a receeded by C. C Dula. The report of Treasurer H. I Lee said the net carnings for the year after deducting all charges and ex penses of management, were \$6,617,114

An old criminal was once asked wha was the first step that led to his rule and he answered: "The first step tha led to my downfall was cheating a. editor out of two years' subscription When I had done that the devil ha such a grip on me that I could no shake him off."

Crank-Yes, sir, there are at least to blooming idiots in this meeting to sight.

Goodart-i don't believe it. Crank (meaningly)-You're righ There are eleven .- Philadelphia Preit blood at the Head of Sixteenth Street, Washington, but is Now Lost.

At the request of Prof non Newcomb, of 1620 P street northwest, the district commissioners have been makconcluded; "folks is beginnin' to think ing inquiries in regard to the old stone monument removed from Meridian Hill in the line of Sixteenth street about own up, what is your idea o' making 1873. The stone contained an inscripleases when you ain't much as 'armin' ton purporting to give the latitude aud lengitude of the spot it marked. It was removed and cast aside during street improvements. In investigating the 5.atter the commissioners have found in the National Geographic Magazine ation to Grant. He didn't see what cr November 1, 1894, an article on "Surveys and Maps of the District of next time he saw Dr. Jewett in Pimly Columbia," by Marcus Baker, in which occurs the following paragraphs:

"A word now about the stone on

Meridian Hill. It will be remembered different to the story of a possible gas that Commodore (afterward Admirai) belt under Hoke County. Strangers Porter had a mansion on the old Peter place at the head of Sixteenth street. Its main entrance was due north of the main entrance to the White House. Exactly in line between these doorways, on the lawn south of the house, stood a low sandstone block, on which was placed a brass sun dial. The stone was carved in cylindrical form on its northern side. This stone, so the story goes, was removed when Sixteenth street bill was cut down some 20 years ago, and is now doing duty as a careach other, but when they nad vainly riage step at the corner of Fourteentia gone down 200, 300 and even 100 feet and R streets. On talking with the through the rock and clay on a water, owner of the place at Fourteenth and rage against the innocent Petr took R street, however, he denied vigoroushold of them, and they watered for a ly that this was the meridian stone. chance to get even. George Hough set He described the meridian stone as the pace by actually leasing 're "gas similar to the capitol stone, and Mr. privileges" of his farm to Jeth.on for King, who set the meridian stone and ninety-nine years for the cash sum of the capitol stone in 1804, also describes \$100, which was paid the mon ert the them as similar. I infer, therefore, deed was signed. After that there was that two stones at the head of bixa rush to "do business" with Peter. teenth street have been called meridian

> "The original one, still extant, is said to be now serving as a hitching post in front of the reform school. The carriage step at Fourteenth and R streets is probably a later stone set up as a base or support for a sun dial, and came to be known as the meridian stone to the exclusion of the original freestone obelisk."

every farm and free holding near Pim-It is said there is no record of the monument referred to in the engineer office of the district government nor of its removal at the time the street was graded. A contract was made October "I'm going to give Pimly a fireworks 3, 1871, but the board of public works with G. W. G. Eslin for grading teenth street from the boundary to Columbia road. The work was not done for four or five years, for in March, 1875, this contract was assigned to William Fletcher. The engineer's report for 1876 gives this work as compiete, so that it must have been batween March, 1875, and November,

> The engineer department has learned that the stone at the southwest corner of Fourteenth and R streets, now used for a carriage block, is a flat sandstone 6 or 8 inches thick and 18 or 20 inches wide. This could not be the entire stone used for the monument, it is stated, for it has not sufficient depth, but it might be a portion of the stone. A report from one of the district assistant engineers says:

"The stone is described as carved in cylindrical form on its northern side, which is the shape of the stone on R street, a shape not likely to be given to a stone originally designed for a carriage step, but such as it might and probably would have if used for affixing a sun dial. It is easy to believe that six or eight inches was cut off from a larger stone, or this stone itself may have sat on another of sufficient size for a monument, and that this is a portion. The owner of the property. Mi. Patrick Brennan, was a contractor under the board of public works, though he may have had nothing to do with grading Sixteenth street."-Washington Star.

Unres no Sure ..

By a series of photographs Professor Fleming has exhibited the kind of waves produced by battleships, torpedo boats. Atlantic liners and yachts. In each case there are really several systems of waves, but the most obvious and important are those of the bow and stern, and of the former it is a striking characteristic that, no matter what the speed of the ver el, they leave her bow at the same an le. out the resistance and mass of the wave grow enormously with the and A photograph of the Viper, C. . by Parson's turbines at the race 13 relies an hour, showed the b ly lifted out of the water, whole was

At an entertainment with was given at his residence ne C 12 Trigg county, Ky., A'fred I influential planter, was sho the head and instantly kille Thomas, aged 22, a member ing family in that region. T gone to the function under fluence of liquor and Bridg dertaking to lead him from

when he was shot. Themas

destroyer herself seemed to be resting

on her bow wave.-Baltimore Sun.